



SC District Meeting – 5/17

Well it is upon us once again: the next SC District Meeting will be on **May 17th**, at Spring Hill Suites Hotel at 511 Lady Street in Columbia. The advance registration form is included on page 9 of this publication. Every SC Civitan is encouraged to attend, so register early! and Registration will begin at 9:00 am with coffee and fellowship at the same time. We are planning for great meeting and will be hearing reports from our different District committees. Registrations can be sent to the District Office at P. O. Box 27319, Greenville, SC 29616 or emailed to the District Secretary at lurasb3@gmail.com. It will help if each Club President will let us know how many will attend from each club so we will have enough food for lunch. Make your plans now to attend. **WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!**The District Board will meet at 3 pm following the regular meeting and all Board members are encouraged to be present.

NOTE: Clubs should bring 2 Door Prizes to the 5/17 District Meeting.

District Board Members: The District Board will have a meeting at **3:00 pm on Saturday, May 17 following the regular meeting.** The Board members include all elected Officers and Area Directors. Any and all Committee Chairs should attend also. Please contact the District Secretary your plans to attend so we can have a good count of attendance. **Phone Lura Boggs at 864-385-8979 or email lurasb3@gmail.com**

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5/17 SC District Meeting Cont'd

We are pleased to welcome to our meeting Civitan International Vice President of Membership, Louis Stephens. Louis is an active member of his Civitan Club as well as working for us at the International office. Louis will be sharing with us about the upcoming Civitan Convention Cruise, give us an update on membership internationally and try to inspire each of us to work on increasing our clubs membership. At this time South Carolina is only down one member since October 1, 2013. We however need to get our membership numbers and number of clubs up. Louis is a great resource and an inspiration to all Civitans. You'll want to hear what he has to say.

We will also be hearing from our leadership team on what's happening in South Carolina Civitan this year. All committee chairs and Area Directors will be asked to have a report on their work so far this year.

Following our regular meeting the Executive Board will have their meeting.

AGENDA FOR THE DAY

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 9:45 Call to Order and Meeting Opening
- 10:15 Report from Governor Simpson
- 10:30 Report from CI V. P. Stephens
- 11:45 Break for Lunch
- 1:00 Business Session
- 2:30 Adjourn
- 2:45 – 4:30 Executive Board Meeting

ADVANCE REGISTRATION TO:

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Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Club _____

Enclosed is registration fee (\$25.00).

My Club will pay registration fee (\$25.00)

Notes on Teamwork: Gov. Elect- Dr. Misty Konow

Recently I've learned a lesson about teamwork. One week after our last district meeting, my husband fell and broke his arm. Naturally that would cause a disturbance in any household, but this particular incidence throws a monkey wrench into our work environment as well - it's impossible to adjust patients with one arm! The last four weeks have been an adjustment in itself. My husband is now homeschooling Jude and I am at the office everyday adjusting all of the patients. This has been a complete role-reversal for our family. This is also where the lesson came in - teamwork! Because my husband and I work as team we've been able to manage so far. It's been tough but it has also allowed us to appreciate the roles that we play in our everyday lives. I'm realizing how hard it is to see the volume of patients we have without my partner in crime and my husband is learning patience with our child and how many other chores I accomplish each day. Because we are both totally invested in our family and our business we have and will continue to work as a team.



This same lesson can be applied to our district. We are a team, working together to accomplish many goals. We support each other, encourage each other and help one another when someone is in need. I am trying to assemble our district's team for next year. I need your help. I will only be as good as those who working with me. This district needs and deserves a good team working together to accomplish good things.

I'm not sure how many of you read these articles. They're not always very exciting, but I hope they are thought-provoking. I am asking once again for your help. I need a team to work with me for this next year. I cannot do it alone. If you are willing to serve in a district position please let me know. I have plenty of positions to fill. I will never ask anyone to do anything I wouldn't do myself and I promise that I'll work twice as hard as I would ever ask of anyone else. My email address is somethingaboutmisty@gmail.com and my phone number is [\(803\)524-8072](tel:(803)524-8072). I am invested in our district...are you?

Polar Plunge with Rock Hill

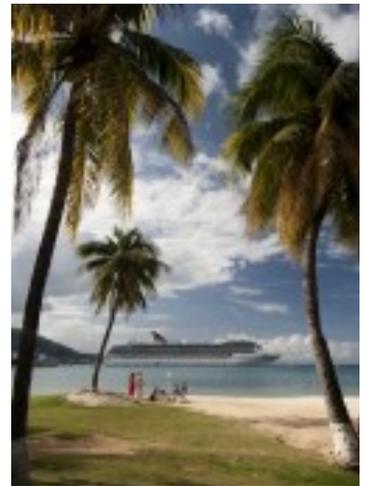


Our Governor takes his responsibilities to heart and leads the race to the water's edge for Special Olympics. On February 22, 2014 Governor David Simpson [yes, that's him with his perennial baseball cap] and Jennifer Olsen of the Rock Hill Civitan Club braved the ice cold waters of Lake Wylie to raise money for Area 11 Special Olympics. They were joined by a team from Northwestern High Junior Civitan club. Together they raised over \$300.

Cruise the Civitan International Convention



Go now to www.civitan.org to print the complete promotional brochure for the 2014 Civitan International Cruise Convention. They also have a one page flyer with cabin reservation form.



The schedule for our 5 Day Western Caribbean Cruise Convention is:

Monday, August 11	Depart Ft. Lauderdale	4:00 pm (on board by 3:30 pm)
Tuesday, August 12	Fun Day at Sea	
Wednesday, August 13	Ocho Rios, Jamaica	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday, August 14	Grand Cayman	9:00 am to 4:40 pm
Friday, August 15	Fun Day at Sea	
Saturday, August 16	Arrive in Ft. Lauderdale	8:00 am

Ocho Rios in Jamaica

Welcome to Jamaica's cruise ship capital. The ship docks near the Caribbean's most fabled resorts and the 600-ft. waterfalls of Dunn's Rios

Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands

World-renowned for its dining, snorkeling and diving, the Cayman Islands are nestled in a tranquil setting of sun-kissed beaches and calm turquoise seas.

The Carnival Freedom is one of the world's largest and most popular cruise ships. Come aboard and see why!



Go to the Civitan International web site [www.civitan.org] to print the complete promotional brochure for the 2014 Civitan International Cruise Convention.

For more information on the 2014 Civitan International Convention, please contact Mary Luck, VP of Conventions, Meetings & Awards at 1-800-CIVITAN, ext. 121, or via email at maryluck@civitan.org.

Plan now for a leisurely cruise with fellow Civitans and a lot of sun, fun, & camaraderie.

Region 2 Updates from Faye Evans

Happy New Year Civitans! I know I'm a little late with the greetings. However, with the ice storm (week of Jan. 28) and the snow (week of Feb. 11) that impacted the Georgia district, I encountered a 14 hour ride on ice from downtown Ponce de Leon to Old National Highway (this ride normally takes about 35 minutes); checked into a hotel around 11 o'clock p.m. because I ran out of nerves to travel another 5 miles to my home that may have taken another 2-3 hours on ice. Then, during the week of February 11, the snow along with downed trees on the electrical lines, left me with no lights and heat for 2 days. Thank God, I had a fireplace and plenty of firewood and was able to camp out in the basement. It has taken me about 2 weeks to re-cope from these two incidents – now I know what people mean when they say they had cabin fever. I am sure that each of you experienced similar situations – maybe worse. However, after all of this inclement weather, I hope that everyone is well, healthy, and happy. The kindness exemplified by strangers, neighbors, and family, during the wintry months, classifies everyone as a "Hometown Hero."

Amongst the wintry weather, we lost our beloved Georgia Monnerat. I attended the funeral services during the visitation hours – what a remarkable family – just like Georgia! Words written under her picture on the program, ***"It is not the length of life, but the depth of life."*** Need I say more. We love you Georgia, you are a true "Civitan Hometown Hero!" Now that spring is on the horizon, I am re-energized and focused on Civitan. Civitans around the world are conducting their business of "reaching out in service to all man-kind." Districts are energized. The Cook County and Magnolia Civitan Clubs (Georgia) earned Golden Circle Status, and South Carolina is ranked 4th. Internationally in net growth in existing clubs.

Georgia built two (2) new Junior Civitan Clubs (Hornet – Cook County) and S. Forsyth (Cumming) and South Carolina build the Spring Hill High School (Dutch Forth). Congratulations to these three new Junior clubs in Region II. Florida has three members who have earned MST recognition: Diana Kirk, David Crowe, and Neryda Kircher. Congratulations to these members! We all have time to join the MST team and/or recruit new members and/or build or rebuild clubs.

Due to scheduling matters and other concerns, the Governors from our region decided that we will not host a Region II Meeting this year. However, plenty of excitement is underway. In April, I am looking forward to visiting the Uptown Civitan Club in Jacksonville, Florida in observance of Civitan Awareness Week. Additionally, I plan to visit each district and clubs that extend an invitation by August 15. Thanks to the districts and the Marietta, Line Creek, and Greater Charleston Civitan Clubs for sharing their club newsletters.

Great prices are available for the Civitan International Cruise. If you have not booked your cabin, great rates are available up to April 15. The Golf Benefit will take place on Sunday, August 10 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Sailing dates are Monday, August 11 and return on Saturday, August 16 at 8:00 a.m. Keep abreast of the Civitan Magazine and website for further updates.

Please continue to submit your Coin and Candy Box donations on a monthly basis. Some clubs are deficient in sending in Candy Box donations and costs associated with International. Please bring your accounts up-to-date. You Candy Box donations are applied to help the Research Center Grant and the Coin Box donations are applied to individual club and district contributions to Civitans at the Helm. **To-date, Civitans have contributed \$17,039,000 of the \$20,000,000 commitment to the UAB Civitan international Research Center.**

March is the half-way point of the year. Over 1,200 new members have joined Civitan International. However, to-date, we have a net loss of 98 members. Let's all do our share to continue to reach out and help others in our communities, recruit new members, conduct membership drives, strive for Golden Circle status, and achieve Honor Club Status. I look forward to sailing with you for our Caribbean Getaway during the 2014 Civitan International Convention aboard the Carnival Freedom, August 11-16, 2014!



SC District Meeting on 3/8



Dr. Hall [l] with Civitan Int'l Pres-Elect Jay Albertia [r]

The SC District Meeting on March 8th may have been a last minute planning effort but it was worthwhile. While attendance was sparse, the agenda was valuable. We planned to have the meeting coincide with the Dance-A-Thon for Jr Civitans in Myrtle Beach. As a result the Civitan International [CI] President-Elect, Jay Albertia, was on site and paid us a visit with updates from CI. His main message related to the focus of CI in getting it a presence on social media sites and getting up to date in communication. So you will be



Gov. Simpson [center] with Past Governors Mary Welch [l] & Nancy Ball [r]

seeing CI in Facebook, Twitter, & other vehicles that are unrecognizable right now to this editor! The good news is that those same vehicles are exactly where my daughter and most younger [aka less than social security age] folks are centered & networking.

The meeting time was spent with an interesting & relevant presentation by Dan Hall, a young Asst. Prof. from High Point Univ., on the YP [Young Professionals] Civitan Club movement. We have all discussed the trends of downward Civitan membership over the last 2 decades but Dan came with the data to make it painfully evident. With a peak membership of 36,000 in 1990, it declined by 28% in the following 20 years! The reasons have been brewing for some time and the pot has boiled over. Decreasing civic engagement, a diminished support for membership of employees by many businesses, & competition for volunteers by the many specialized non-profit groups [or advocacy groups] have resulted in drastic declines in membership of most of the familiar community service organizations; Civitan is not alone in this regard. For CI the problem has been an aging membership with little renewal by fresh, young blood. However in the last 2 years the formation of YP Civitan Clubs has proven to be a successful experiment in reversing that trend. These YP clubs are centered around youthful hangouts [remember those!] and communicate via social media. Their members must be 21-35 years of age. The former so they can drink at their social gatherings and the latter when they should move into a "senior" Civitan Club. Personally I look forward to seeing these young folks aging out & joining our club for a little rejuvenation. The YP Clubs try to split their focus among 3 things: socialization [40%], community service [40%], & professional networking [20%].



Long Bay Resort, Myrtle Beach, was home to the SC District Mtg. on 3/8

They also keep their dues low at \$40/year and have a low initiation fee of \$10 to encourage membership— maybe more of our senior clubs should note that in trying to increase membership among the retired community. Clubs often meet in pubs [formerly called bars] and restaurants. Civitan as an organization needs to realize the changing trends in community service and use mechanisms like the YP Clubs to reach these newer audiences. Dan was a good representation of the YP membership and the type of volunteer that Civitan can really use to jump start its community service activities. It was unfortunate that so few members got to hear this presentation first hand but tune in for yourself by going to their Facebook page at: YP Civitan Club Builders.



Dan Hall presenting the YP Program's Success for club growth

This was perhaps the most informative District Meeting that I have been to and it is a shame that there were only 14 people in attendance. I hope this conveys some of the information that we shared & encourages you to attend future District meetings.



Gov-Elect Misty on future plans

Officer Training

Please elect your officers [if you haven't already] and let the SC District and Civitan International know who they are. President and President-Elect should plan to attend the Civitan International training session on July 26, 2014. This meeting is being held at the Marriott hotel in Columbia. it is located at 1200 Hampton avenue. The cost this year will be \$30.00 per person. There will be new teachers and new subjects. The training session will start at 9:00 am and be over at 3:00 pm.

International will send your president and president elect a form to register after they are notified who these people are. You may also pre-register by e mail (stacy@civitan.org) or fax 205-592-6307 with credit card info.

Deadline for signing up is July 21, 2014. If July 26, 2014 is not a good date for you, they will have training session in Charlotte, NC on August 23rd. So this year you will have a choice where to attend.

Secretary and Treasurer can train on line by going to www.civitan.org and clicking on leadership training. If you served as secretary or treasurer last year and were trained, you do not need to be trained again this year

Ride together to training! This would be a good time to plan for a "terrific" year.

Hope to see you there.

- Ken Norton, Training Chairman

Memorial Whoops in 2013

In an attempt to honor those SC District Civitans lost during the 2013 calendar year, we made an error and mixed up some e-mails. Thanks to a quick response from Frank McIntosh we heard that our fellow Civitan, Clyde Richardson of the Loris Club is indeed well and having a great time. So as a spin on the famous quote from Mark "Twain might o, Clyde says: "The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated".

We apologize to Clyde and anyone that the posting may have upset or unnerved. We are happy to have him back paying dues and able to be called on to help the disabled. Sorry for the mistake.

SC District Convention: 9/19-21

Updates for SC Civitans, the planning for the District Convention in Charleston have been underway since the start of the 2013-4 year with the intention of providing an entertaining venue, a useful meeting, & a fun opportunity at reasonable cost to the membership. To support the District, plan to enjoy this event and make reservations now for the fall meeting in Charleston at the discounted room rates available.



Our annual Civitan Convention in Charleston, South Carolina from September 19th through September 21st is progressing. The Embassy Suites is the official hotel for the convention and we will have use of the North Charleston Convention Center. Room rates are \$139.00 per night + tax (8.5%) and **INCLUDES** deluxe buffet breakfast each day and complimentary cocktail hours each night, as well as free parking for all registered guests. The hotel is convenient to the Tanger Outlets, restaurants and downtown Charleston.

For a convenient link to the Embassy Suites (North Charleston, Airport) Hotel try this so you can make your reservations now on-line. **Limited numbers of Special Needs Rooms are available but must be requested at registration. For reservations and information, go to your Hotel Reservation Link and use Group Code "SCC" at: <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHSEMES-SCC-20140919/index.jhtml>**

You must book by August 10th to take advantage of the low rates (normal rates start at \$239.00). A valid credit card is needed to make your reservations. Come a few days earlier than the 19th or stay a few days longer than the 21st to enjoy the Charleston area at the same great, low convention rate if you book by 8/10. **Specify the dates you are requesting when making your reservations.** Special needs rooms are available if required, please request one when making your reservation.



We will have updates with exciting "things to do and see in Charleston" in the coming weeks and months. So much to do and so little time! Virginia Moore has been working hard as Chairperson of the Convention Committee and is planning a great event for you. Please feel free to send any questions or concerns to the organizing club, Greater Charleston Civitan Club, at civitan@embarqmail.com.



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Notes from the Editor— Frank DeLustro



important.

I hope that many of you can attend the District Meeting in May and the Convention in September. The District can use your support & participation. We know how much effort and hard work you put into your local club activities but it is important for the future of the SC District Civitan for you to share your expertise, experiences, & good will. While it is easy to keep a local focus, try to reach out a little and maybe it will help your club to provide better services to your community as well as helping others to serve theirs.

So the ink on the last newsletter is barely dry and now you are getting another. Well the cancellation of the Regional Meeting and the Dance-A-Thon timing with the last meeting has pushed our calendar timing together a bit. However the information is timely and im-

WHAT IS CIVITAN?

Civitan is a worldwide, all volunteer service organization where men and women have an organized way of approaching local community problems through service and fund raising.

We emphasize serving people with developmental disabilities. Local clubs are supported by Civitan International, which was organized in 1917 and spans over 24 countries. The word CIVITAN is a coined word that comes from the Latin word "CIVITAS", which means **CITIZENSHIP**.

Useful Web Site Links

Civitan International: <http://www.civitan.com/>

South Carolina District: <http://www.scdistrict.civitan.net/>

South Carolina District Convention Rooms:

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHSEMES-SCC-20140919/index.jhtml>

Civitan International Research Center: <http://www.uab.edu/medicine/circ/>

Jr. Civitan of SC: <http://resources.specialolympics.org/Regions/north-america/Locations/Special-Olympics-NA-South-Carolina.aspx#.UsGQ2rIo4dU>

Special Olympics of South Carolina:

<http://resources.specialolympics.org/Regions/north-america/Locations/Special-Olympics-NA-South-Carolina.aspx#.UsGQ2rIo4dU>